

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): An acoustic guitar as claimed in claim 8 wherein said piecerecess member is cup-shaped to conform to a specific breast size of an intended user of said guitar.

Claim 5 (currently amended): A method of making an acoustic guitar comprising the steps of providing an opening through the back of a guitar adjacent its upper edge when held in playing position, forming a breastaccommodating insert an insert shaped to receive a female breast, and mounting said insert in said opening in position to receive the breast of player when the guitar is held in playing position.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The method as claimed in claim 5 wherein said step of forming said breastaccommodating—insert includes shapingcustomizing said insert to fit the specific breast size of a female instrumentalist.

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess member shaped to receive the ~~for receiving~~ the breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess member being ~~a piece~~ inserted in said guitar and ~~being located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface~~ between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout ~~when the guitar is held in playing position~~.

Claim 9 (currently amended): In an acoustic guitar having a back and side surfaces, one of said side surfaces having upper and lower right hand bouts when the guitar is held in playing position, the improvement comprising a recess of a size and shape to receive ~~for receiving~~ the breast of a female player when the guitar is held against the chest, said recess being a hole ~~located in said back surface adjacent the upper side surface when the guitar is held in playing position~~, said hole being located between said upper right hand bout and said lower right hand bout in position to receive the breast of a female player.